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SUBJECT: Projected Far Eastern Operations and Activities

1. As a result of conversations with representatives of the Procurement Office, I have learned that certain planned Far Eastern operations and activities will require the furnishing of administrative and logistical support to the overseas installations that will result therefrom. It is my understanding that planning groups will be composed and that the interested offices of CIA such as Medical, Security, Training, Legal, Procurement, etc. will be called upon to advise and make recommendations during the planning phase.

2. It is my understanding that a Judge Advocate function is contemplated which will require that such activity advise the local Command on questions of law, supervise the administration of military and civil justice, furnish Personnel legal assistance, settle claims, be cognizant of certain cover consequences of activities operating in the aforesaid overseas installations, and conduct a general inspection function.

3. It would appear that the recruitment selection and training of personnel of the Office of General Counsel should recognize this factor. Some consideration should be given to the number of personnel required and the legal traffic that will result from an installation as planned. It is my understanding that other offices of CIA such as Medical, Security, Procurement, etc. are slanting recruitment and training in such fashion that personnel will currently work with the Far Eastern division so that at the time of activation, as complete familiarity as possible with the Far East operations and activities will have been achieved.

4. Since the current expansion of this office apparently has been keyed to the normal expansion of the Agency, the above appears to present a plus factor which is deserving of consideration and timely action. As a suggestion, it might be appropriate for present members of this office to be on the lookout for likely candidates.

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